

View of section of sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Jackson during one of the sessions of the State Convention last week.

Speakers At The Convention

Representative of the dozens who spoke from the platform of First Church, Jackson, during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention are those pictured here.



Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, presides as Convention president.



Miss Marjean Patterson addresses the convention for the first time after becoming new executive secretary of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.



Larry Rohman, pastor, First Church, Jackson, welcomes convention messengers to Jackson.



Brooks Wester, Brookhaven, delivers the convention sermon.



Jesse Fletcher, Richmond, featured speaker on Wednesday evening, gives a glance at foreign missions.



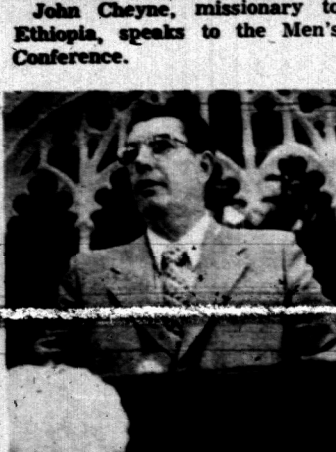
John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, presents the convention budget.



V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary, leads the Bible study.



Fred Moseley represents the Home Mission Board.



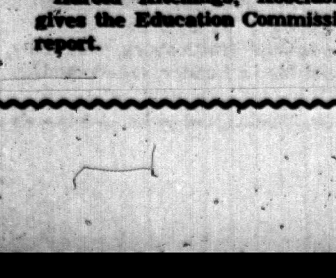
John Bisagno, pastor, First Church, Houston, Texas, is featured speaker on Tuesday evening.



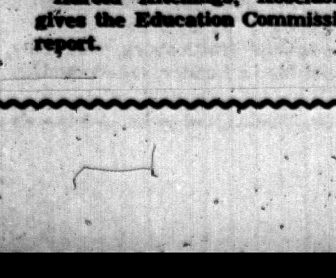
John Cheyne, missionary to Ethiopia, speaks to the Men's Conference.



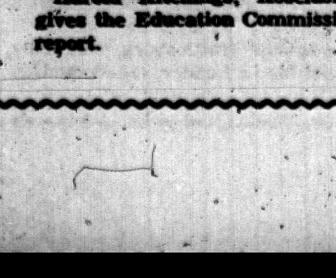
Dick Brogan gives his first report, as new director of the Department of Work with National Baptists.



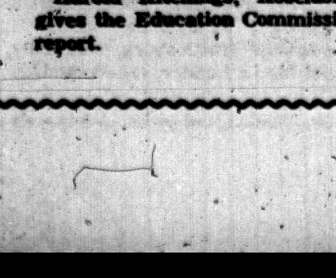
Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, gives the Convention Board report.



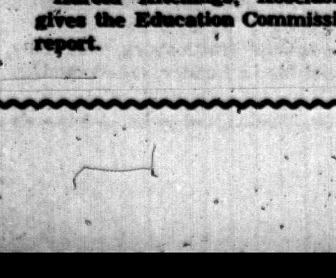
Michael Speer, SBC representative, Nashville, speaks on Thursday morning.



John Havlik, Division of Evangelism, HMB delivers the main address on Wednesday morning.



Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko, gives the Education Commission report.



Grady Cothen, president, New Orleans Seminary, brings the closing address.

Convention Is 'Constructive'

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situation is not immune to all the problems attendant to any educational institution. While there may arise isolated incidents of misconduct on any one of our college campuses, the Commission is fully persuaded that the atmosphere prevailing on these campuses is still thoroughly Christian, thus deterring any such act of misconduct.

"Should such an act of misconduct occur, each of our schools now has a effect the proper judicial policies necessary to respond redemptively to any act of misconduct where disciplinary action is required.

"The Commission, being fully cognizant that there is a radical difference between factual verification and circumstantial evidence of acts or in-

cidents of misconduct, reached the conclusion that the charges made before the 1970 Convention against our four colleges in general and William Carey in particular were unwarranted, indefensible, and detrimental to the image our colleges are entitled to possess among our constituency and beyond our borders."

In addition the report included much information and action taken to implement the work of the Special Study Committee on Christian Education.

The Convention adopted a strong report of its Christian Action Commission in which its director, Dr. Clark Hensley, commended Governor-elect Bill Waller on his strong stand against gambling and expressed approval of the defeat of the prayer amendment in the U. S. House.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Bruce Aultman, of Hattiesburg, chairman, brought the following recommendations which will be voted on next year:

"Officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year, or until their successors in office shall have been elected and installed. At the end of the year of service as First Vice President, and upon vote of the Convention, the First Vice President shall, if so elected by the Convention, succeed to and become President of the Convention for the ensuing year; so that, subject to vote of the Convention, the person elected as President of the Convention would be the person who, during the preceding year, served as First Vice President."

Also it was recommended that the word "Memorial" be deleted from the name Clarke Memorial College as it appears on page 13 of the 1970 Convention Annual.

President Perry appointed Dr. Levon Moore of Pontotoc to serve as parliamentarian for the 1971 session. President Perry named the following to serve on the Committee of Committees for 1972 Convention:

Dr. Gordon Sansing, Grenada; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Woodville; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead, and Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville.

Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of Evangelism for the Convention Board, reported 16,361 baptisms in the state for 1971, compared to 15,237 for 1970. The Convention closed on a high spiritual note on Thursday evening with the Youth Night service conducted in the Mississippi Coliseum.

A total of 125 young people responded to the Opportunity for Life Commitment extended at the close of the service by Dr. Wm. Hull, dean of the School of Theology, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Coliseum was filled with young Baptists and their leaders from every section of the state.

Rev. Frank Gunn, of Forest, was chairman and introduced the newly-elected Convention officers.

Soloist and song leader was Jamall Badry of Oklahoma City.

Special music was rendered by the Naturals, special singing group from Mississippi College under direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, head of the Division of Fine Arts of the college.

North American Fellowship Plans Baptist Cooperation

WASHINGTON (BP)—Sixty leaders from nine Baptist bodies brainstormed areas of closer cooperation in the fields of missions, evangelism, stewardship and general administration during sessions of the North American Baptist Fellowship here.

Each of the nine Baptist bodies represented brought their specialists in

the four fields to the discussions sponsored by the fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

"We found we had common interest and common program and that we profit greatly by sharing with one another," said Kenneth L. Chafin, evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Chafin added, however, that the group needs to move from a sharing fellowship to a working structure in an effort "to win our continent for Christ."

Chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship, G. K. Zimmerman, emphasized that the four sharing sessions were not programming meetings but a time of sharing mutual problems.

Zimmerman, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference with offices in Forest Park, Ill., was re-elected chairman of the organization.

The purpose of the fellowship, Zimmerman said, "is to draw together the Baptists of the North American continent on the basis of their common interests and to inspire them to walk together in keeping with the directives of Jesus Christ."

Member bodies of the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, General Association of General Baptists, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention of Mexico, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Broadman Library Book Service Offers Full Selectivity

NASHVILLE — A new feature added to the Broadman Library Book Service this year now gives churches full selectivity to choose the Broadman titles their members desire most.

As in the past, \$75 will purchase \$100 worth of Broadman books for members of the service. However, this year participating churches will receive a new "Broadman Library Book Service Catalog" that lists all Broadman titles in print. This will enable participants to place up to three orders during the year of membership for any books desired.

Additionally, check out cards, date due slips and book pockets for the year will be sent with each book ordered.

For an enrollment form, write to Broadman Library Book Service, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Bible Readings To Be Broadcast

A series of 365 one-minute Bible readings from the new "Living Bible" has been produced by the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission for radio broadcast in the nation's 300 largest metropolitan centers.

Some stations will begin airing the spots as early as December.

The readings, one for each day of the year, include special emphases during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Independence Day seasons.

Titled "Living Words for Today," the spots are recorded on eleven long playing records. The entire series will be made available free to each of the 300 stations agreeing to broadcast the spots daily as a public service. The records can be kept and replayed year after year.

The "Living Words" spot series is a joint project of the Commission and Tyndale House, Inc., publishers of "The Living Bible," a paraphrase by Dr. Kenneth Taylor.

New Club Organized, Students Interested In Church Music

A new club for students with an interest in church music is in the process of being organized at Mississippi College.

Dr. John Johnson, assistant professor of music at the college, said the club is being formed to provide fellowship for the students in this field and to give aid in administering a church music program.

According to Dr. Johnson, the only membership requirement is that the student show an interest in church music. They do not have to be music majors or be employed by a church. Though the club will be primarily oriented to Baptist organizational methods, students of other faiths are urged to participate.

The organizational meeting on Nov. 4, included remarks from Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at the college, and from Dan Hall, secretary of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

European Baptist Unions Support 690 Missionaries

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP)—Baptist unions of Europe currently support about 690 missionaries who work outside Europe, according to a bulletin prepared by the European Baptist Missionary Society and reported by European Baptist Press here.

Ten countries in Europe which cooperate in mission work through the European Baptist Missionary Society are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. The British Baptist Missionary Society supports 252.

German Baptist churches support 80 missionaries in cooperation with other missionary societies, and the Swedish Baptist Union supports 84 missionaries. The Baptist Union of Norway reports 33 missionaries.

The Oerebro Mission (Baptist) of Sweden has the highest number of missionaries in relation to its total membership. With about 19,500 members, the Swedish Baptist group supports 150 foreign missionaries.

In addition, the Baptist Union of Denmark has 19 missionaries, the Portuguese Baptist Convention has four, and the Baptist Union of Ireland, eight.

Dr. John Bisagno, speaker on Tuesday evening, baptized over 1600 last year.



Theme To Set Tone

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give their best in attempting to meet the needs.

"The Week of Prayer is a starting point for Baptists who want to shoulder a larger share of the foreign missions job. Their concerted prayers and efforts during the week of prayer push foreign missions into the widened and deepened scope needed."

Miss Hunt said the theme carries a dare for Baptists to break their own record in the foreign-missions offering. The offering last year exceeded the goal for a record total of \$16,220,104.99.

Entire congregations will be wrapped up in prayer and giving for foreign missions during special Sunday and Wednesday night features. Suggested activities include calling the Foreign Missions Hotline (Area Code 703, 358-7975), a play, a fair, a rally, a banquet, exhibits, and sermons on the theme. Meanwhile, the Baptist Women's organization will have daily prayer sessions during the week. Other WMU and Brotherhood organizations will also have special sessions.



"OUR CONVENTION BUDGET INCREASED BY \$35,000 THIS YEAR—MOST OF WHICH WENT TO THE SIGN PRINTERS!"

BWA Expands Work

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day meeting, committee members unveiled a portrait of Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance 1960-69. They welcomed Theo Patnaik, a 33-year-old native of Calcutta, India, to the staff as associate secretary with responsibility for youth work. They also said farewell to Frank H. Woyke, who will be retiring in December as associate secretary with responsibilities for relief, study commissions, and the North American Baptist Fellowship.

More than sixty Baptist conventions and unions have already pledged, co-operation and financial support in the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, which will reach a climax 1973-75. Joseph B. Un-

derwood of Richmond, Va., is general chairman.

C. Ronald Goulding of London, associate secretary in Europe, reported on a three month visit to Australia and New Zealand. He told of one BWA Rally at Melbourne where the attendance included 13 different language groups, mostly composed of migrants from Europe. He noted that though there are no Baptist churches in Greece, there were Greek Baptists in the Australian congregation.

Plans for the 13th Baptist World Congress, slated for Stockholm, Sweden, in 1975 were discussed, and July 7-11, 1975, was proposed as the date. It was announced too that the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, originally scheduled for Squaw Val-

ley, Calif., USA, in 1975, has been postponed to 1974 and the meeting place is yet undetermined.

A proposal from the Commission of Christian Teaching and Training that it be made a full department of the Alliance was referred to a special committee of the BWA Executive which is studying structure and constitutional revision.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the Women's Department of the BWA, reported that women on all continents joined in simultaneous prayer and study session in a Baptist World Day of Prayer the first Monday in November. David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, chairman of the Men's Department, submitted a report on expanding worldwide cooperative activity among Baptist laymen.

Wycliff Translators Set Linguistic Center In Dallas

DUNCANVILLE, Tex. (BP) — The Wycliffe Bible Translators have broken ground in this Dallas suburb for a \$4 million international linguistic center which will serve as a world-wide research and training center.

Participating in groundbreaking and dedication ceremonies were W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Sir James Plimsoll, Australian Ambassador to the U. S.; and the Studio Ensemble, a musical group from Dallas Baptist College.

Construction plans call for initial educational, dormitory and administrative units to begin operation in September 1972. No date has been set for the final phase which will involve extensive educational, residential and cultural facilities, including a library and museum.

The center will help coordinate worldwide linguistics training, along with the translators' longstanding Summer Linguistics Institutes which have been based at universities around the world.

The center's research facilities will contain information on culture and languages during 37 years of field experience. During that time the Wycliffe translators have entered 21 countries and translated the oral language of more than 450 cultures into a written form. Then they translated the Bible into the newly written language to provide the Christian gospel to thousands of people who have never before heard it, a Wycliffe spokesman said.

DR. V. L. STANFIELD OF NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY BROUGHT THE BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN EACH SESSION.



"YOU'VE JUST FINISHED A BIG LUNCH, NOW I'M TO SPEAK TO YOU... I FEEL LIKE THIS IS A VESPER SERVICE!"

Twelve Churches Qualify Already For Merit Recognition

Twelve churches have already qualified for Merit Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide, according to Kermit S. King, Mississippi Church Training Department Director, who has issued this information for the first forty-five days of the current church year.

First Baptist Church, Tupelo, has attained Advanced Recognition. Gene Thomas is the Church Training Director, and Rev. Bill Nimmons the new pastor of the Tupelo church.

Churches attaining Merit Recognition this far in the new church year are: Temple, Scott; Woodlawn, Warren; Union, Lincoln; Grandview, Lauderdale; Goodwater, Simpson; Slayden, Marshall; Southside, Lowndes; Dublin, Jeff Davis; Southside, George; Bellehaven, Jackson; First Tupelo, Lee; First Hattiesburg, Lebanon.

During the twelve months of the past church year fifty-two churches attained Merit Recognition.

Nashville Church Is Robbed While Pastor Preaches

NASHVILLE (BP)—Two men wearing multi-colored ski masks bound and gagged six persons at First Baptist Church of Donelson here while they were counting the Sunday morning offering during the worship service. The men fled with about \$1,100.

Only minutes before, the counting committee for the church had taken the offering into the church office to separate the offering envelopes and prepare the funds for deposit in the bank.

While the pastor, W. L. Baker, was preaching his morning sermon, the two bandits held up the counting committee at gunpoint.

The robbers made everyone lie on the floor. Then they tied the victims' hands, and put tape over their mouths and eyes, Baker said.

"If they move, shoot them," one of the holdup men who was carrying a knife told his accomplice, who held a small calibre pistol.

"I'd like to," the second man reportedly replied. "It's been a while since I shot anybody anyway."

None of the six persons bound and gagged by the robbers was injured. In addition to the five committee members, the eight-year-old son of one member was also tied and gagged.

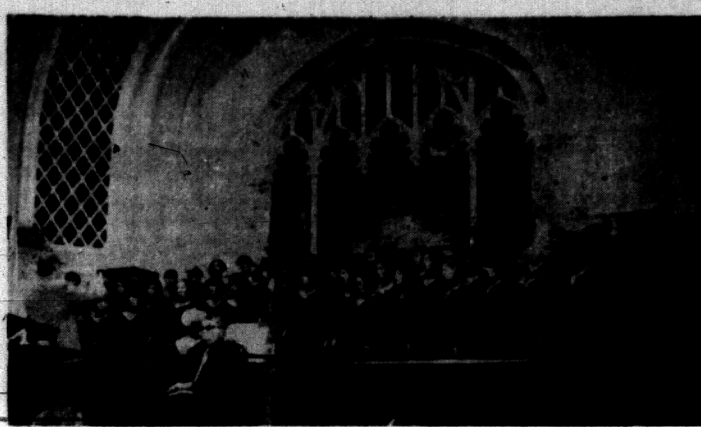
One of the committee members, Percy Young, managed to free himself. He first went outside to try to spot the bandits; then entered the sanctuary and motioned for Ron Baumgartner, the minister of music, to come help him free the others.

"The first I knew of the robbery was after I finished the message when Ron Baumgartner handed me a note saying what happened," said Baker, the pastor.

"I immediately announced it to the congregation, and I think there was a feeling of almost complete shock," the pastor said.

Baker said that the bandits left the offering envelopes left by the robbers indicated that the bandits got about \$600 which had been placed in the offering plates.

In addition, they took about \$500 in cash from the wallets of the five committee members. One of the committee members was carrying nearly \$400 after cashing an expense account check from his company in preparation for a business trip he was to take.



William Carey College Choir, featured on Wednesday.

Music At The Convention



Clarke College Choir, featured on Tuesday.



The Boys' Choir, First Church, McComb, Mrs. Joe Pigott, directing sang at the Men's Conference.

Jamall Badry of Oklahoma, soloist, and leader of congregational singing.

Brazilians Accept Challenge Of New Highway

By Roberta Hampton
RECIFE, Brazil (BP)—The challenge of Brazil's new Trans-Amazonic Highway is being taken seriously by Brazilian Baptists as an opportunity for mission outreach and expansion.

Director of the Home Mission Board for the Brazilian Baptist Convention, Samuel Mitt said that the "millions of people settling along the Trans-Amazonic (Highway) represent an unprecedented opportunity for evangelization."

The highway, begun September 1, 1970, is to bisect Brazil from East to West. More than half of its 3,100 miles will cut through unexplored tropical forests.

Why this gigantic undertaking? Two primary factors: Economic integration of the Amazon valley into the national program and colonization of the region by people from drought-stricken, overpopulated northeast Brazil.

For a long time the northeast has been plagued by drought in 10 to 15-year cycles. Rains do not come, crops die. Farmers, having money to buy neither food nor seed to replant, invade nearby cities in search of better economic conditions.

Baptist work in the northeast suffers when church members join in the exodus, Mitt said. Churches in the south profit when these members join their ranks, but it takes months or even years for the northeastern churches to recoup their losses. Sometimes pastors must go three or four months without pay.

The most recent drought hit in 1970. For the first time in history, the na-

tion's president went to the region to see firsthand the parched earth and the misery and hunger of the people.

Shortly afterward the decision was made: work on the Trans-Amazonic would begin immediately. The drought-stricken northeasterners

would populate villages to be created along its margins. Groups of settlers have already left their homes in the northeast to begin life anew along the Trans-Amazonic.

It is in this context that Mitt sees the new highway as an "unprecedented opportunity for evangelization."

The board is already securing strategic properties; it plans to place workers at these points, not only to preach the gospel but also to teach and train new converts. These in turn can evangelize the region in which they live.

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Home Mission Board Names 10 Missioners

ATLANTA (BP)—Five married couples were appointed as full-time missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in a meeting of the board here.

Appointed to missionary status were Robert and Alice Dickerson of Mobile, Ala.; William and Mary Heck of Austin, Tex.; Juan and Valentina Peralta of Los Angeles, Calif.; Jesse and Mary Elizabeth Senter of Evansville, Ind.; and Kenneth and Diana Veazey of Norfolk, Va.

A Pine Bluff, Ark., native, Dickerson was named center director under the board's department of work with National Baptists in Mobile. He is a graduate of Arkansas A & M College, College Heights, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

THE CONVENTION LOOKED LIKE A MEN'S FASHION SHOW—



"IN THE CENTER AREA COMES REVEREND HARRIS. SHARPLY ATTACHED IN HIS POLYESTER DOUBLE HAIT FROM FACTORY OUTPUT OF HONOLULU, HAWAII, HIS SHIRT-TIPPED SHOULDER, IN RED, ARE FROM BLADES OF GUINAM."

Thanksgiving Proclamation

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (RNS) — President Nixon has been officially proclaimed Thanksgiving Day by President Nixon in a proclamation issued from his vacation home here.

The day gives recognition to the early American settlers who "laid the foundation for a new nation," the proclamation said.

"One of the splendid events which shape man's destiny occurred when a small band of people, believing in the

essential sanctity of their own being, sought to live out their own idea of their individuality might be the highest national value.

"They went in search of a land where they might live out their own commitment to their own idea of human freedom. For what those early settlers established, we give thanks in a way which began with them... and for our heritage we give thanks to God almighty in this time and for all time."



Dr. Hudgins, left, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, introduces new pastors, church staff workers, and denominational workers.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, left, introduces Rev. L. R. Riley, retired pastor, who has recently moved from Kentucky to Jackson. Mr. Riley is almost 94 years old.



The telephone in the foyer stayed busy. Here Rev. Estus Mason of Crystal Springs takes his turn.



Recording secretary Horace Kerr, left, and associate recording secretary, Rev. John McDonald.



Convention personalities look at the Annual: left to right, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, MBCB; Horace Kerr, recording secretary, MBC; Glenn Perry, president, MBC; Rev. Clyde Little, member of Order of Business Committee, MBC; Dr. Larry Rohrman, pastor, First Church, Jackson.



Rev. Harold Kitchings, of Kosciusko, outgoing chairman of the Education Commission, (center), was presented with a plaque at its meeting in Jackson last week in appreciation of his six years of service on the Commission. Presenting the plaque is Dr. J. B. Young, Ellenville, vice-chairman, while Rev. Hardy Denham, secretary, Newton, looks on.

Random Scenes At Convention



W. R. Roberts, Annuity Board representative, gives information to an inquirer, E. P. Burke, Riverside Association.



Three of the new officers of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference were congratulated by Rev. E. L. Howell director of the Brotherhood Department, as one visiting program personality looks on. From left: J. T. Gilbert, Jackson, president; Dr. Howard Carpenter, Senatobia, vice-president; Woodie Burt, Newton, R. A. leader (re-elected); Mr. Howell; W. J. Isbel, Memphis, secretary, and Norris Edmonson, Natchez, Baptist Men's Leader, (re-elected).

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EDITORIALS

Unity, Advance: Spirit Of Convention

The 1971 convention session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention history. It was a good convention, although perhaps not to be recorded in the annals as a great one.

There was nothing especially unusual, but neither was there serious division.

Unity and constructive plans for advance characterized the meeting from beginning to end.

The meeting was Bible centered in that almost every message and report pointed to our purpose of giving the Word of God to people.

The need and desire for spiritual leadership was expressed again and again.

The spirit of fellowship and unity which characterizes our state and our churches, was evident throughout the meeting.

The only issue where division was expressed concerned the rebuilding of the assemblies property destroyed by Hurricane Camille, and even in that there simply was a desire on the part of all to locate the assembly in a place where it best could serve all areas of the state. The final decision was to return to the Gulfshore property on the Gulf Coast. This did not please everybody, of course, but it will not raise an issue. Mississippi Baptists are going to work together.

Much of the credit for the spirit of the convention must be given to the presiding officers, President Glen

Perry of Philadelphia and his associates, the vice-presidents. They handled the whole convention in a spirit of fairness and with such dispatch that the sessions often ran ahead of schedule. Congratulations to all of them for a job well done.

The Program Committee deserves praise too, for it had planned a splendid program for the meeting. Speakers were well chosen, and spiritual preparation for each session was given unusual emphasis.

Music was led by Music Evangelist Jamall Badry of Oklahoma City, and he also furnished much of the special music, although several college choirs and choral groups participated. Never have we seen the gospel message more effectively presented than by Mr. Badry. He long will be remembered for the contribution he made to each session of the convention, and we are certain that many of our churches will be inviting him back to Mississippi for the music in revivals. Choral specials were splendid, and also added much to the enrichment of the program.

Each session began with a Bible study led by Dr. V. L. Stanfield, Professor of Preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His firm belief in the Bible as the Word of God, his ability as a Bible expositor, his effective pulpit work, and his unique sense of humor, warmed each and stirred the hearts of the hearers in session, and helped set the tone for construc-

tive, Spirit-directed action.

The speakers who had been chosen to appear were unusual in their effectiveness. Although it evidently had not been so planned, all of them seemed to center on emphasizing the proclamation of the Word of God, and the necessity for Holy Spirit leadership in all of our work. There was a pointing up of Southern Baptist concern for people, and of their efforts to reach for Christ the masses of people, both in America and around the world.

The messengers heard a call to advance in witness in every area of our work. It was made clear that Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists are advancing, and that there is no sound of retreat among them today, even though that note is being heard in some Christian groups.

Reports from Mississippi Baptist agencies and boards were most encouraging, and plans for the future are large and challenging.

The budget adopted by the convention is the largest in the convention's history, and there is good reason to believe that it can be reached with only a little extra effort on the part of our churches.

One of the most inspiring challenges was the call for every church and every Mississippi Baptist to join enthusiastically in the 1972 emphasis on Sunday School enlargement, to be followed by a 1973 emphasis on evangelism. Great plans have been projected for these emphases in these two years, and few programs of the convention in recent years have seemed to offer such an opportunity for advance, or a greater call for dedicated action.

One note which was sounded by more than one speaker was the necessity for Baptists and Baptist churches to recognize the tide of revival which is moving among the young people, and to seek to tie this movement to the churches. We fully agree with this, but as we sit each year amidst the more than 10,000 young people of the state who gather for the annual youth night which closes the convention, we have a feeling that Mississippi Baptists are ministering to their young people, and are reaching and holding many of them. More we need to do, yes, but let us not forget that already we are reaching great hosts of youth.

There seemed to be a general feeling that Mississippi Baptist work is an encouraging condition, that we are on the move, and that movement is forward. Deep appreciation was expressed by the messengers for the leadership of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention Board. It is his direction, aided by the splendid staff of associates at the Baptist building, and the strong leadership chosen for the various agencies and institutions, undergirded by continued support from the churches and pastors, that has kept Mississippi Baptist work advancing. Dr. Hudgins has said in his own quiet manner, "We must go forward!" and Mississippi Baptists are doing just that.

This convention underscored the fact that Mississippi Baptists are advancing together, under the leadership of the Spirit, with a purpose to glorify God and exalt the name of Jesus Christ, through Christian witness in all we do, within the state and beyond.

It was a good convention, and its impact should be felt for several years to come.

EDUCATION — what's happening

A cooperative fund-raising campaign is being started by more than 100 colleges and universities affiliated with the United Methodist Church. With help from the National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education, the institutions hope to raise perhaps \$400 million in three to five years, beginning in 1973.

The idea of deferred tuition — study now, pay later (as a percentage of future earnings) — has proved popular at Yale University, the first university to try the plan on a massive scale. About 22 percent of the undergraduates, including one-third of the freshmen, have asked to participate in the program so far. The annual student charges at Yale total \$4,400 this year. Beloit College has adopted a "graduated tuition" plan that bases a student's fees on his family's ability to pay. The plan will begin next year, initially with freshmen.

Jean-clad student to his fellows in from of ivy-covered Administration Building: "Remember how quick they were to grant us a responsible voice in management? Now, they want us to raise the money to stave off bankruptcy."

"A Wedding Of The Spirit And The Word"

These were words of Dr. Jesse Fletcher of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as he spoke on the work of that Board to the messengers at the Mississippi Baptist Convention last Wednesday evening.

They were an interpretation on his part of what is happening in Southern Baptist foreign mission work today.

Southern Baptists have one purpose in the whole mission program and that is to proclaim the Word of God to men everywhere. And today the Holy Spirit is manifesting Himself in an unusual manner among missionaries on many fields.

The Spirit and the Word. This is not a new combination. The Spirit is the author of the Bible. "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit alone can give power to the preaching of the Word or the witness of the printed Word. Without His power and leadership our work will come to nothing. But the Holy Spirit is working, and our mission work continues to grow.

Is this the explanation of why Southern Baptist mission work continues to advance, while many other major denominational groups are curtailing theirs?

There is a retreat in Foreign Missions in some denominations. Figures in an article in *Christianity Today* for November 19, 1971, reveal that the number of missionaries in six main-line United States denominations, decreased from 4,548 to 3,160 in the period from 1958 to 1971. At the same time, however, the more conservative denominations were enlarging their foreign mission work. An example of the contrast is American Baptists (one of the above six)

and Southern Baptists (one of the more conservative groups.) The number of foreign missionaries of the American Convention declined from 407 to 290 during the thirteen year period from 1958 to 1971. At the same Southern Baptists increased their force from 1,186 to 2,494.

It seems evident that God is blessing the mission work of the evangelists and conservatives, and we certainly thank God for his blessing upon Southern Baptists.

One of the reasons for the great advance made by Southern Baptists is the support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This mighty love offering feeds millions of missionaries each year. The goal this year is \$16,750,000. This compares with \$16,220,000 actually given last year.

Last year Mississippi Baptists gave \$854,000 in this great offering. No goal has been set for our churches, except that there is hope for increase. In her report to last week's state convention, Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi WMU, the organization which sponsors this offering, and does much of the giving to it, said, "I look forward to the day when Mississippi Baptists give \$1,000,000 to foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." There will be a shout of joy at the Baptist building that will resound all across Mississippi.

Why can't we hear that shout this year? Mississippi Baptists should be able to give a \$1,000,000 Christmas gift to our Lord. It would be the finest Christmas gift we can give to a lost world:

ary? Through the eyes of a missionary doctor and mother, the writer answers that question. The book is closely based on the author's own experiences in Thailand.

HOOKED—ON GOD! by Vincent Guerra (Warner Press, paper, 128 pp., \$2.50) Through these pages is revealed the pathos, the heartbreak, the heartwarming, and the potential of the author's drug ministry. The story centers around the Halfway House in Miami, Fla. and its part in helping reach young men and women with the message of Christ.

HERMENEUTICS by Bernard L. Ramm and others (Baker, paper, \$1.45, 152 pp.) This compilation of articles is a survey of the most important aspects of Biblical interpretation, including critical evaluations of current views and modern scholarship.

JOB, A STUDY GUIDE by D. David Garland (Zondervan, 197 pp., \$1.50, paper) Designed to make the book of Job meaningful to the layman, this is a concise, though complete exposition of the book whose theme is the meaning behind tragedy and sorrow. Each chapter is followed by questions for group discussion and personal consideration. The author is professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

NEWEST BOOKS

LEAD: A WIN GUIDE by Forrest H. Watkins, John A. Ishee, and Donald S. Whitehouse (Baptist Sunday School Board, paper, 28 pp., 30 cents). This guide was prepared to give a comprehensive overview of WIN materials and of how these materials can be used in a church's witnessing endeavors. It contains a plan for training church members to use WIN materials. It is available from the Materials Services Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

BEAUTY FOR ASHES by James P. Leynse (Good News Publishers, 320 pp., \$5.95). This is the autobiography of a sensitive and innovative missionary. Dr. Leynse left his native Holland to study at Princeton for the China mission field. He has lived the greatest part of his life in China. Now retired, he and his wife live in California. In this new book, he makes the reader aware of the mystery of the Orient, the stark realism of the Japanese invasion and the Communists' deceitful take-over. As China again takes the news in the American press, this work will bring an awareness of the real China — the people themselves.

ONCE BITTEN by Anne J. Townsend (Crescent Light Publications, paper, 174 pp., \$1.50) What is it really like to be a mission-



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Are You Really Thankful?

By Dr. Charles Myers

This week our country will pause to celebrate Thanksgiving. I say our country, because this is strictly an American holiday. We have come a long way since our forefathers started this special day, and it has become more a day of feasting than a day of thanks.

That can probably be attributed to two things. First, for the most of us there is no scarcity of food so we feel no sense of gratitude for what we have. Secondly, the vast majority of us are removed from the farms where the food is grown. We are not aware of our dependence upon the soil and the elements and the one who controls these. We have a feeling of self-sufficiency because we think we can provide for ourselves, and we feel no need to be thankful.

The person who has lost the significance of giving thanks is himself the loser. To be able to say "thank you" and really mean it is an enriching experience. The person who never realizes his dependence upon God and other people is too self-centered to get much out of life. This would be an excellent time to rethink your position and find a few things for which you should be grateful. Your life will be much richer as a result. Perhaps you are saying to me, "Why don't you name some things I ought to be thankful for and help me get started?"

Let's begin with you. Have you ever thanked God for two legs, two arms, two ears, two eyes? So often we take for granted we ought to have these. We use them daily without ever giving thought to how wonderful they are and how incomplete life would be without them. There are many people who are handicapped in some way. They can tell you how important these parts of the body are. If you have good health and a strong body, you ought to thank God.

You ought to thank God for food. I do not mean some little thing like a banana at meal-time. I mean a prayer of real thanks. This world has a lot of hungry people. The causes for that hunger vary, but the cause is not the important thing here. They are hungry and you are not. In fact, you have so much that you waste enough to feed many who are hungry. In your mind, trade places with these for a moment. You really had nothing to do with your being born here instead of there. When you fully realize this you will want to thank God for your food.

What about your home? Have you thanked God for it, or have you complained because someone else had a nicer house than you? What about your friends? Life would be pretty bare without friends. Loneliness can destroy a man as quickly as any one thing. Thank God for people who care. What about your country? I know she has lots of faults, but I would not trade her for any place I have seen or read about. I certainly want to help improve my country, but I am deeply grateful for America.

What about your church? Perhaps you do not have one, or perhaps you have been ignoring the one you have. What if suddenly all the churches were gone? They are not perfect, but they serve a deep need. I am so grateful that they are there.

There are hundreds of other things that you have for which you should be thankful. These ought to just start you thinking. The only way a person can be thankful is to turn his eyes off himself. When he does this, he sees that he is dependent upon others and in a true sense dependent upon God. The longer he looks at it, the more he realizes how much God means to him. Then he becomes grateful. As he begins to express that gratitude, he moves nearer to God and discovers the real joy of Thanksgiving. How about it? Let's turn our eyes off of ourselves and really thank God for what we have.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilde Fancher—

Thanksgiving Again

It's Thanksgiving again — that lovely time of the year when folks take time to count their blessings. I always run out of fingers and toes when I'm counting mine. Maybe that's because I try to count little blessings along with big ones — finding it possible to rejoice in the Lord over a new drain pipe so that I do not have to haul our family laundry to the laundrette and back as well as in walking through a door which one of our teenage boys opens for me.

It would be difficult for me to say what I am most thankful for of all my blessings, after my relationship with God and with my family. But because Thanksgiving is a time of eating, the season always reminds me to give added thanks for one of the things I am most thankful for.

I remember how nice it was when all our boys were tiny. Because they were born within a five-year period, all three were tiny at the same time — and for a long time, it seemed then. Looking back, it seems a short time. Anyway, I remember how nice it was to tuck all of them in early after supper and to have the evening hours of quiet. Just before James and I would go to bed I would make the round of their beds to be sure feet were not out from under the cover and foreheads were cool.

I remember that many nights I stood there looking at a child and felt gratitude that ours have never had to go to bed hungry, nor had to sleep cold. I cannot begin to think of the mental anguish it must be for parents to know that their children are hungry, or cold.

Too many of us Christians fuss so because we can't have steak more often that we forget to be thankful for the meat loaf. —Address: Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Southwest, the second largest employer, announced recently it would call a halt to smoke-filled conference rooms and would segregate smokers in its cafeterias. The announcement was made by pipe and cigar-smoking HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson in a letter to John F. Banzhaf III, head of an anti-smoking organization. "I am anxious that this department protect its non-smoking employees from this hazard," Richardson wrote. He said he expected certain "administrative problems" in pursuing an aggressive anti-smoking policy at HEW but said there were "limited actions" he will take soon. They include establishment of no-smoking areas in HEW cafeterias, no-smoking policies for HEW conference rooms and auditoriums and no-smoking work areas "wherever possible." —(The Atlanta Constitution, 10-15-71)

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State Conventions Take Action

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The proposal to sever ties with Stetson University came when Franklin W. Jessup, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Tampa, expressed opposition to use of several "obscene words" in the September 18 issue of the Stetson Reporter.

Stetson President Johns, however, told the convention that the school did not condone the article, and had taken "drastic action to prevent similar episodes in the future. I have cleaned house," Johns said.

A substitute motion offered by James Monroe of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., giving Johns a vote of confidence, was approved by an overwhelming margin, observers said.

Debate also centered around a proposal by Palm Beach Atlantic College, a school owned and operated by the Palm Lake Baptist Association in West Palm Beach, seeking to amend the convention's new budget in order to receive \$50,000 in scholarship funds for ministerial students.

During the debate, opponents pointed out that the constitution prohibits allocation of state Cooperative Program funds to any institution not owned or controlled by the Florida Baptist Convention. Last year, the convention voted against accepting the West Palm Beach school as a state Baptist institution.

In defeating the amendment to the budget, the convention messengers pointed out that students at Palm Beach Atlantic College are eligible along with other qualified students in regular convention scholarship funds.

In other actions, the convention elected James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla., as president, and adopted without change the recommended \$4.5 million budget for 1972. The budget will allocate 46 per cent of church contributions to world-wide Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Northern Plains Commends Prayer Amendment Defeat

PIERRE, S. D. (BP)—Messengers to the Northern Plains Baptist Convention here adopted a resolution commending Congressmen who voted against the so-called "prayer amendment" to the U. S. Constitution.

During sessions described as "harmonious," the convention also adopted a total budget of \$208,000, including a goal of \$106,500 to be contributed by the 81 churches in the convention. Of the state goal, 13 per cent would go to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

Elected president of the convention was Ralph Ehren, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D.

Kansas Convention May Reach Fund Goal By '72

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (BP)—Emphasizing a fund campaign of pull the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists out of financial difficulties, the convention meeting here heard a report predicting that it would reach its \$500,000 goal in the campaign by the end of 1972, ahead of schedule.

Churches in Kansas and Nebraska have pledged \$672,000 in the "Strengthen Our Witness" campaign scheduled for completion in December, 1973, oversubscribing the goal of \$500,000.

Executive Secretary Pat McDaniel, in a report to the convention, said that it now appears that the churches will reach the \$500,000 goal by the end of 1972.

Citing the "sacrificial giving" of Baptists in the two-state area, McDaniel said that in spite of the economic adversities in 1971, the convention gave \$34,664 more through the Cooperative Program and the Strengthen Our Witness campaign this year compared to gifts for the same period last year. Total amount given was listed at \$489,356.

The "Strengthen Our Witness" campaign was initiated in 1969 as part of a three-phase plan to raise \$1.6 million to save the convention from insolvency caused by the financial collapse of the convention's Church Loan Association.

In other actions here, the convention adopted a budget of \$638,523, a slight increase over the 1971 budget. The budget included a state goal of \$365,740, allocating 17 per cent to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, after the priority item of \$135,112 for the Church Loan Association indebtedness.

In a meeting prior to the convention, the Executive Board of the convention voted to publish the state Baptist paper, the Baptist Digest, on a bi-monthly basis rather than weekly, eliminating two staff members assigned previously to the paper.

Elected president of the convention was H. E. Alsop, pastor of First Baptist Church, Haysville, Kan.

Ohio Convention Opposes Abortion Liberalization

FAIRBORN, Ohio (BP)—The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio meeting here adopted resolutions opposing liberalization of abortion laws, and opposing the prayer amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Meeting just a few days before Congress was to vote on the prayer amendment, the Ohio Southern Baptists voted to send telegrams to Ohio congressmen indicating the convention's opposition.

Another resolution asked for a presidential investigation into the rising costs of medical care, and still another strongly urged the Ohio legislature and governor to oppose liberalization of abortion laws.

The abortion resolution stated that "the taking of life is wrong according to God and His word, and the taking of fetal life denies the right of that individual to live his life in service to God."

The resolution expressed support for "the God-given right of all men to live, that the point where life begins is clearly God's work, and the potential for life is always present."

The resolution was in contrast with a resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis last June, when the SBC urged Baptists "to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental and physical health of the mother."

Pennsy-Jersey Have First Meeting

PITTSBURG (BP)—Meeting for its first annual session as a new state convention, the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey adopted a 50-50 plan of work for 1972-73, setting goals to increase their mission efforts by 50 per cent.

Joseph M. Waltz, executive secretary of the convention, described the "50-50 plan" as a combination of three Southern Baptist Convention programs projected for the 1970's—Witness Involvement Now (WIN), Extend Now, and People to People.

In other actions, the convention adopted a budget of \$154,300, an increase of about \$14,600 over last year. Goal for contributions from the churches was set at \$105,000, with 21 per cent going to Southern Baptist Convention mission causes through the Cooperative Program.



For the presentation of the Convention-Wide Emphasis, 1972-73, on Tuesday evening at the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Bryant Cummings was coordinator.

nator. Roy Collum, shown at speaker's stand, directs the 1973 emphasis.

We Tried The "Festival Of Faith"

By Schuyler M. Batson, Pastor Emmanuel, Alexandria, La.

The "Festival of Faith," a departure from the traditional evangelistic services in Emmanuel Baptist Church, was an innovative venture in faith on which God poured His blessings for five days in September. The uniqueness of the festival lay in the communication of the Gospel primarily through the media of music, drama and personal testimony rather than by means of a preached sermon as such.

Our primary objective was youth of high school and college ages. Our intent was to proclaim the message of God's redemption through the cross with no compromise of that central message but to present that message through every media at our disposal. Weeks prior to the festival the staff of Emmanuel Church chose as our festival director and coordinator, one of our own member, Mark Tullios who is associate director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Mr. Tullios is a talented, dedicated and enthusiastic leader of youth. The staff met with Mr. Tullios and with Gene Bartlett of the Music Department of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention who had directed similar programs in Second Baptist Church of Little Rock and the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas. We learned that the few churches which had tried this new approach were tremendously blessed of God.

Out of the meeting several decisions were made. The program each evening of the festival would follow what has been called "planned spontaneity"

— an informal service carefully planned after earnest prayer to God, but which gave the impression of being spontaneous or extemporaneous.

In addition to Mr. Tullios as the general director of the festival, Mrs. Martha Branham of Dallas was asked to join us as guest soloist. Mrs. Marie Durham and Mrs. Charleen Courtney, organist and pianist respectively of Emmanuel Church were enlisted as both accompanists and special musicians.

The festival was well publicized days before its beginning both in the newspaper, on spot TV and radio announcements, in attractive and colorful posters, lapel pins etc. On Saturday evening prior to the opening service Sunday we secured prime television time for an hour-long television spectacular. The program was outstanding and gave the television audience an excellent sample of the forthcoming Festival of Faith.

I am certain this program insured a packed house for the opening services on Sunday. Each evening we carried out a different theme and developed this theme with both drama and music. The themes developed during the days of the festival were:

HOW GREAT THOU ART
COME HOME

IT IS NO SECRET
I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

The audio, along with special lighting, was carefully planned and rehearsed. The music varied from gospel

pel numbers by special groups to solos to instrumental to church anthems to congregational participation with several peaks reached during an evening's festival. Audience participation was encouraged, not only in singing but in prayer and witnessing. In keeping with the concept of "planned spontaneity," Mr. Tullios moved into the aisles and asked someone to share his Christian testimony or to sing with him. The drama presentations were the most moving I have ever witnessed. For the most part, the messages in drama were scriptural with a modern-day setting. The themes did not deal with ecology or social ministries but with vital spiritual themes.

The congregation at times prayed aloud as groups of two or three together prayed for themselves and for the service of the evening. The pastor encouraged the congregation to kneel where it was convenient and as the Lord might lead them.

In keeping with the spirit of informality the pastor would sit on the steps to the platform with Mr. Tullios and together they would share in reading God's Word and in relaxed dialogue about the message of God in a particular passage.

The pastor took five to seven minutes to close the service with an appeal related to the theme of the evening. An invitation was given but not for church membership. The response was thrilling. Other churches and ministers including groups from all over the state, Catholic priests joined in the worship and praise of God in the festival.

At the close of each service the entire congregation joined hands across the aisles and sang "Sweet Jesus, Sweet Jesus." The expressions on each face with smiles of joy and tears of joy told the story of oneness and togetherness in the spirit of Jesus Christ. The physical contact and the spiritual union of those present was real! Each evening following the main service, Mr. Tullios directed an "Afterglow" in the fellowship Hall of the church. He sat atop a ladder and spoke to the young people about going out and witnessing for the Lord. Each evening, youth would climb the ladder and give a personal testimony and during the prayer time which closed the "afterglow" the lights were lowered in the room. This was a high time of joy and a challenge to witness for Christ.

The news media were most cooperative in Alexandria in reporting the progress of the festival. One of the most popular radio announcers in Louisiana stated on his program during the week, "This 'Festival of Faith' down at Emmanuel Baptist Church is the most exciting thing that has ever happened in Alexandria."

"Teen Choir" To Sing At Georgetown Church

The "Teen Choir" from the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson will be at Georgetown Church (Copolah County) at 7 p. m. Sunday night, Nov. 28. The choir consists of almost half a hundred teen-aged boys and girls who are familiar to Mississippi Baptists through their frequent concerts in local churches. The public is invited, states Rev. Charles Rogers, pastor.

Mission In Mexico

First Church, Yazoo City, Rev. James Yates, pastor, provides \$8 per month for a meeting place for the mission at Izamal, Yucatan, Mexico. The mission was begun in October, 1970, in a revival meeting held in an open air theater for five nights. There were 297 decisions.

Izamal has a population of 25,000, located on the main highway. It is a Mayan (Indian) town. The women dress in the typical white dresses bordered with beautiful and colorful hand embroidery.



December "Faith In Action" To Feature Four Baptists

Programs produced by the Radio and Television Commission will be featured on NBC Radio's weekly series, "Faith in Action," during December.

All four programs will be in the form of interviews with Christians involved in various ministries. Persons interviewed will include: Maxey Jarman, prominent Nashville businessman and Baptist layman who is Chairman of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Foundation (December 5); J. C. Sullivan, converted Oklahoma gangster of the Twenties and Thirties (December 12); Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, "Baptist Hour" preacher, who will discuss his new book on Revelation, *The Cosmic Drama*, (December 19), and Gene Tunnell, a recent Foreign Mission Board appointee to Saigon, Vietnam, in the field of social work.

The "Faith in Action" series features 15-minute programs produced by the various denominations on a monthly basis.



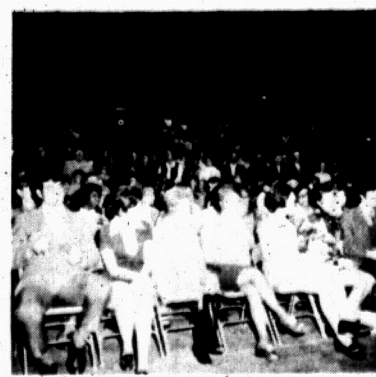
The Coliseum was the scene of the Youth Night Program on Thursday evening, during the convention.



Jamall Badry, soloist



"The Naturals"—featured singing group from Mississippi College



There were several interpreters for the group of deaf young people.

Youth Night At The Coliseum

Names In The News

LARRY HENDRICKS was recently ordained to the gospel ministry in a service held in his home church, First, Yazoo City. Mr. Hendricks is the son of Mrs. David Comola of Yazoo City. Mr. Hendricks had been licensed to the ministry by First Church in

1967. He is a graduate of Yazoo City High School, Clarke College and attended Southwestern Seminary for one year. In the summer of 1971 he was Youth Director of Calvary Church, Yazoo City. Presently he is pastor of Harland's Creek Church, Holmes County. He is residing in the parsonage provided by the church and in addition to his duties is also taking additional courses at Mississippi College. Rev. James F. Yates is pastor of First, Yazoo City.



Miss Mary Spell, right, of New Zion Church in Simpson County, has a perfect attendance record in Sunday school for 19 years—attending all those Sundays only at New Zion. When asked, "Have you ever been sick on Sunday?" she answered, "Yes, but not too sick to serve God." When asked, "Have you ever had company on Sunday morning?" she answered, "Yes, but they either go to Sunday School with me or stay home while I go." Rev. R. G. Stewart, left, is pastor of New Zion.

Joey Covey was licensed to preach October 31 by Richland Church, Highway 40 South, Jackson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Covey of Route 4, Florence. He is a 1970 graduate of Florence High School. His plans are to enroll in Mississippi College after completing this term at Hinds Junior College. Rev. Paul B. Williams, Jr. is pastor at Richland.



HEAD ALUMNI—The Mississippi College Alumni Association elected new officers during Homecoming meeting at the college. Elected to serve for 1971-72 were, from the left, Howard E. Woods, Clinton, president; Charles Lewis, Meridian, outgoing president; Mrs. John Dowdle, Columbus, vice-president; Dr. Charles Holladay, Tupelo, president-elect; and Ken Toler, Jackson, vice-president. Dr. F. D. Hewitt and Laney M. Lanier, both of Clinton, were re-elected secretary and treasurer. (M. C. Photo by Norman Gough)

Mrs. Katie V. Wilson, member of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, recently spent nineteen days working at Cornersburg Baptist Chapel, Youngstown, Ohio. During those days she taught three Sunday school classes, three weekday ladies Bible classes, and led or assisted in three Foster Home Center services. She visited 51 homes. She "babysat" with the pastor's children. Liberty Chapel and Hubbard Chapel invited her to speak at evening services. At Liberty Chapel, she also led the prayer meeting and a Bible study. At the annual meeting of Steel Valley Baptist Association, she delivered greetings from Mississippi Baptists and shared her testimony. Rev. Melvin Jones, pastor of the Cornersburg Chapel, is a Mississippian. During the three years he has been in Ohio, the chapel has increased in membership from 7 to 43. Of Mrs. Wilson, he said, "She is a testimony of what a committed Christian can do. In all she does, her love of people for Christ's sake is revealed. On Saturday afternoon before her return home, she led a young mother on the verge of divorce to trust in Jesus." Van Winkle Church, Jackson (Rev. Herman Milner, pastor), contributes to the support of Cornersburg Chapel. Every year for six years a group from Van Winkle, youth groups as well as adults, have gone to Ohio to work in Vacation Bible Schools or other mission activities.

Kenneth L. Jenkins of Rena Lara, Miss., began as minister of music and youth for Smyrna Church, Dothan, Alabama, recently. Mr. Jenkins is a first-year music student (conducting major) at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Before moving in August, Jenkins was music director for Riverside Association in Mississippi.

Rev. Russell E. Coleman recently began his second year as pastor of Hopewell church in Yalobusha County. He was formerly pastor of McCordy Church, Chickasaw County. Mr. Coleman, produce manager at Larson's Big Star in Oxford, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coleman of Coffeeville.

Wm. Carey College alumnus, Dr. Charles Smith, has been named to the listing of Outstanding Young Men of America for 1971. At present, Dr. Smith is assistant professor of history at Cameron State College in Lawton, Okla. Dr. Smith is also a graduate of Clarke College.



"The Waylighters" To Sing At Poplar Springs Drive
The Waylighters (Senior High Youth Choir) from Forest Church, presented a folk music entitled "It's All About Love" in their church, November 21. They will present the same musical at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on Sunday evening, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. The singing group was organized in September of this year. The instrumentalists for the musical are Ginny Lee, pianist; Steve Massey, drummer; and Mike Gould, electric bass. James B. McElroy, minister of music, directs the choir. A. V. Windham, Jr., youth and educational director, is in charge of the drama portion of the musical. Rev. Frank Gunn is pastor.

Revival Results



Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, November 7-12. Shown are members of the 1971 Revival Team. Left to right: Mrs. James L. Travis, pianist; Rev. Roy Collum, Secretary of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, organist; Cecil Harper, Minister of Music of First Church, Canton, music director for the revival and special soloist; and Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church; 6 professions of faith, three for baptism; one on statement; one by letter; four rededications; one stating that she has found assurance of salvation.

Paris (Lafayette): November 14-19; Layman's Revival; 18 professions of faith; 3 by letter; many other decisions; Rev. Al Duval, pastor.

Central Church, Hattiesburg: November 7-14, Evangelist Rick Ingle of Denton, Texas; 110 professions of faith; 7 additions by letter; 70 rededications, Rev. C. R. Williams, pastor.

Seelig Resigns Seminary Position

FORT WORTH (BP) — John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here since 1960, has resigned to become administrative assistant to the president of the First Worth Corp. of Fort Worth.

Athens (Simpson) To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

On Sunday, November 28, Athens Church, Simpson County, Rt. 4, Mendenhall, will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Services will begin at 11 a. m. with lunch served, followed by afternoon services and fellowship. All members, former members, former pas-

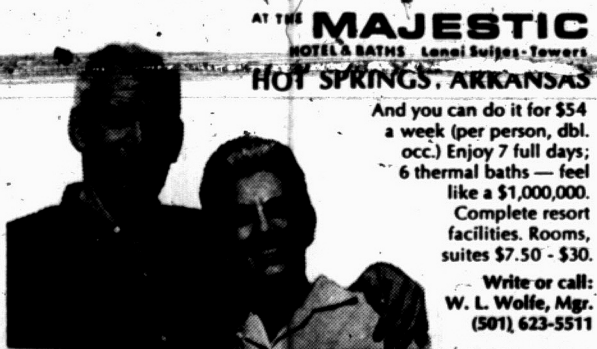
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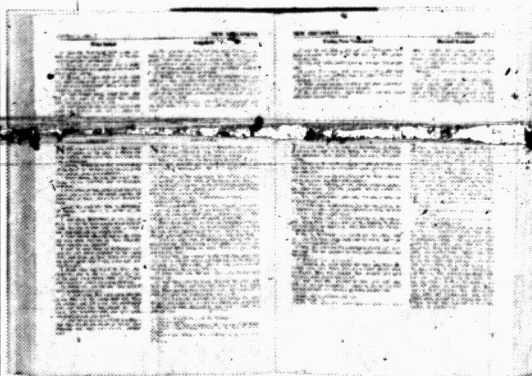
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Revelation 11:15

We should remember that this lesson concludes our study of "The Doctrine of God." We conclude the unit with the assurance that God is at work in history to bring to fulfillment his purpose in creation and especially his purpose in mankind. This truth is a clue to our understanding of God. He is the God of redemptive purpose. What he began, he will complete. Human history will not run out in a dead-end street. There will be a consummation, when Christ will return, when the prophetic vision of worship and peace and justice will become reality, when the creation will share in the glorious liberty of the children of God, and when the sovereignty of Christ's kingdom will be complete forever and ever.

The Lesson Explained
A Redeemed Creation
(Rom. 8:18-24a)

Verse 18 refers to the sufferings of the present time, sufferings in which Christians inevitably are involved because of their humanity and because they live in a world of evil. But they can relate themselves to such sufferings with steadfast faith and sure hope. Some of our suffering is due to the consequences of sin. Some of it is due to the sins of others, the innocent having to suffer with the guilty. Some suffering is a part of God's disciplinary dealing with us; it is for our good. And some suffering is involved in redemptive service, bearing a cross in keeping with our Christian discipleship. But we can endure suffering, even with joy, when we remember the glory of the life to come. Paul is thinking of a finished redemption.

Paul seems to have in mind the whole cosmic order. While the language here is full of poetic imagery, it sets forth a basic truth. The universe in some way felt the impact of man's fall into sin. But it also shared in the hope of redemption. This emphasizes the supremacy of man in God's created universe. It emphasizes also, certainly by implication, that the whole cosmic order is much more than the natural uni-

verse; it has spiritual implications because it is the handiwork of God and because it is the sphere in which God's redemption of humanity is wrought out and in which God's purposes in history are accomplished. The groaning of creation indicates something of the alarming tragedy of evil. The redemption of creation indicates something of the wonder and greatness of God's redemptive work in Christ. Here is a wondrous prospect. God will bring to fulfillment his purpose in mankind and his purpose in this whole universe of myriads of planets and stars, of limitless reaches of space, of laws which express the wisdom and power and trustworthiness of God.

The Return of the Lord

God is doing something in this world to fulfill the redemption of Christ, but the completion will come when Christ returns at the end of

the age. With his coming the resurrection of the dead will take place. Thus the full fruitage of redemption will take place in the resurrection of the body. And the full purpose of God will be accomplished through the judgment of Christ. There are questions about the time of Christ's return and the events related to his return and the manner of his coming which cannot be answered. But the important truth is that Christ will return in person, in victory, in glory.

In judgment, in the consummation of his redemptive work, and in the fulfillment of the purpose of God. There will be an end point in history. There will be fulfillment.

The Everlasting Kingdom
(Rev. 11:15)

This inspiring verse is the heart of the message of Revelation. The kingdom of God will come to victory through the sovereignty of Christ.

The powers of evil will be overcome in the world. Every principality and power, every rule and dominion, will be brought into subjection to Christ. We ought not to try to interpret the everlasting kingdom of Christ in material terms, for his realm is preeminently spiritual. However, his sovereignty is all inclusive, inclusive of the whole universe as well as the spirit of man, inclusive of both time and eternity, of kings for ever and ever. In this way God will bring to fulfillment his glorious intention in a new humanity and new heavens and a new earth, an era in which the Godhead will enjoy the full fruitage of the redemption of Christ and the endless praise of all who have been redeemed by the death of the cross and the riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

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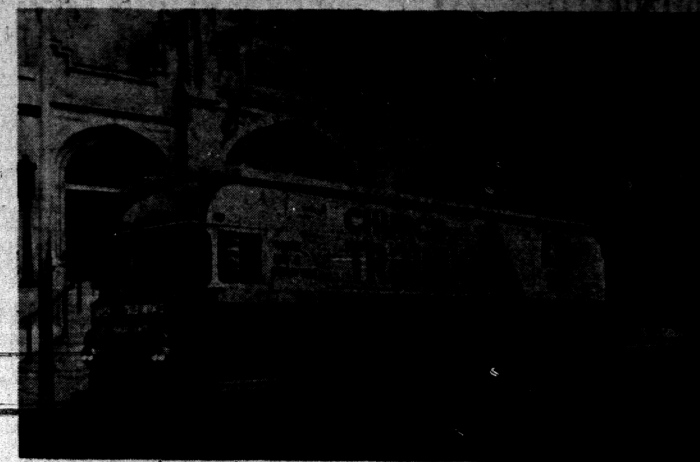
stration that the man was now free from them.

The reaction of the people was that of fear. They put a higher value on their property than on the man. They dreaded the unseen world and Jesus represented some form of supernatural force. So instead of accepting Jesus as the Son of God, they feared Him to the extent they missed their blessing.

The wild man named Legion became a praying man. So great was the change that he wanted to be with Jesus. But the Lord sent him home to proclaim and preach the message of Jesus' power. The man had a story to tell of how he was liberated from Satan's power. Jesus had found a way to get into the mind of the poor man and he did with the love of God. Now that his mind had been set right by the Lord, he needed to go back home where they had been cruel and unlovely to him and let his Christian witness begin there.

Have you lost your hope? Have you moved into the cemetery of life to wait for death? Do you not have something for which you should live? Jesus Christ has something to say unto you. His presence brings hope. Jesus had such understanding of men's mind and madness. The cure of minds in the right belief was the secret of the cure of bodies.

Jesus looked upon Legion and all men who need to be saved as a sculptor might look upon a block of marble. He saw what he might become. "What is thy name?" The person who asked



The Mobile Training Lab

The mobile Church Training Lab (above) which belongs to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, was parked in front of First Church, Jackson, during the convention. The unit (see interior view below) is filled with many resource materials available for us by churches in Church Training. Miss Evelyn George, seated, associate Church Training Department, explains the lab's uses to conventiongoers. The lab is used all over the U. S. in clinics and various other meetings.



the question had great faith in God and His invincible conviction of man's worth and destiny.

Can a person of the 20th century believe in demons? I want you to answer first: Do you believe in a spiritual sphere? You may be sadly misled if you resolve demoniacal possession into superstitious relic of a more ignorant and barbarous day. In this case Jesus leads us to believe that the disorder is due to some mysterious possession of evil spirits. For my belief, I am content to take the

Gadarene demoniac as a type of human life that has lost its self-control, and wanders disordered and confused, the prey of morbid passions and delusions.

Is there hope for one who has lost his self-control? Yes, if he can become Christ-controlled. There are many who refuse to see this as an act of faith and repentance. Man has lost so much in trying to be his own boss. But when man will let God possess him and drive out all forces or spirits that are wrong, then he can have help. The hope is outside ourselves.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Hope For The Captives

Luke 8:27-39

By Bill Duncan

There are a lot of people like Legion that have lost hope for themselves and the world. There is a phrase in the New Testament that says "saved by hope." This is true. When a person loses his hope for recovery, hope for release, hope for rehabilitation, he has nothing for which to live.

In my area is one of the finest health centers in our world for mental ills. Often when I visit the staff and patients, I read helplessness on the faces of the people there.



They are confined to the area, but they feel chained for other reasons. Sometimes habits have broken their wills until they are slaves to their desires over which they have no control, like alcohol. Most of the patients feel as if other people are afraid of them, for now they are different because of mental health treatment. As a result they do not know love and normal friendships. This has caused some to lose touch

with reality in order to escape social responsibility.

Those of you who have had experiences dealing with mental and emotional ills will be interested to see the comparison with Legion and your friends. Legion was dangerous to himself and others. He would cut himself and scare others. The chains that had been put on him were no substitute for the love that Christ extended to him. In the miracle of hope and love, Christ transformed the possessed man to a rational Christian witness.

Legion is the most demon-possessed man mentioned in the New Testament. He had been in this condition for a long time and had taken up residence in a cemetery. His nature was violent. In the presence of Jesus, the demons cried out to Jesus not to destroy them. Jesus ignored the plea of the demons in order to deal with the unfortunate victim. The man was in pitiable condition. The demons kept begging Jesus to send them back to the bottomless pit of Revelation 9:1-2. Jesus cast the demons into a herd of swine that were nearby. The swine were driven wild and they ran over a cliff into the sea. This was a demon-

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Devotional

What God Is

By W. B. Abel, Noxapater

Subject: God Is a Consuming Fire.

Text: Hebrews 12:29, "Our God is a Consuming Fire."

What do men want God to be? Many people in their thinking about God, try to fit him into the pattern of their lives. Some think of God in relation to themselves as a God of love, mercy and gentleness; while in relation to others, they believe him to be a God of wrath.

Our thinking and teaching about God is often one-sided. We emphasize his love, mercy, grace, longsuffering, and rightly so; but there is the truth that "Our God is a consuming fire." There are countless numbers of scriptures that mention his wrath, his anger, his justice. We feel that God wants these to be taught also. We need a well-rounded, scripture-based idea of God, which includes his severity as well as his leniency.

Since there are evil persons and forces in the world, there must be something in the nature of God to deal appropriately with them. This active evil requires that our God be a consuming fire.

Sin activates this fire, and evil is the fuel it consumes. It can be put out only by repentance for and forsaking of evil. The water of life is the only thing that will quench this fire.

Fire is harmful only when misused or abused. In its place and properly used, fire is a great blessing. So this element in the nature of God gives us hope that some day we shall be free from the fearful forces of evil that so disturb us now.

The Old Testament passage explains the fire as being the jealousy of God. It says, "The Lord they God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God." The jealousy of God is explained by this fire-figure. We are reluctant to speak of God as being jealous, but the Bible does not hesitate to use the term in speaking of God. There are at least twenty Old Testament passages and one New Testament passage that uses the word in reference to God.

Jealousy is the feeling one has when the love, respect and honor that rightly belongs to one is wrongfully given to another. God's jealousy burns when his people give to persons or things that he claims for himself. God has exclusive rights in the lives of his people, and he will not surrender any of them without his feeling of jealousy. We can understand this feeling, for we experience it. Husbands and wives experience it when the love and consideration due to them is given to others.

Jealousy has a good and bad meaning when used of people, but it always has a holy meaning when used of God. It proves the deep, tender love God has for humanity.

Revival Dates

First Church, Purvis: Buddy Mathis Revival Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 7:00 p. m. daily. Scores of young people have formed committees to promote revival in the Purvis area.



Buddy is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Byron Mathis of Calvary Baptist in Pascagoula. He has conducted successful revivals in Columbia, Laurel, Hattiesburg and other areas. Special goals include 100% attendance in Bible Study November 28; Danny Powell, second-year student preparing for the ministry, chairman of the crusade; Rev. Thomas M. Hall, pastor.

Sand Hill, Rt. 4, Richton: Nov. 28-29; Donnie Parker of Long Beach, guest evangelist; services at 7:00 p. m.; (On the last night of the revival, Sunday night, Mr. Parker will show slides taken from his recent tour of the Holy Land. Mr. Parker is a student at New Orleans Seminary); Rev. Hugh Arnold, pastor.

Dry Creek (Rankin): November 24-28; Rev. Hoard Benton, Eastside, Jackson, evangelist; services at 7 p. m.; Rev. Marion W. Gray, pastor.

He does most in God's great world who does his best in his own little world.

"Down in the human heart, Crushed by the tempter. Feelings lie buried that grace can restore."

FOUR TEENAGE GIRLS ARE KILLED IN INDIANA CHURCH BUS CRASH

EAST GARY, Ind. (BP) — Four teenage girls were killed and six passengers injured when a freight train struck a church bus carrying children to the First Baptist Church here.

The accident occurred four blocks from the church, just prior to Sunday School time on Oct. 31.

The train struck the bus just behind the right side door and dragged the bus about 900 feet down the track.

Police said that the crossing, which is located on a curve, is not equipped with guards or flashing lights. Houses partially obscure the raised tracks.

Prentiss Baptists Pay Tribute In Memory Of Mrs. Fern Hartzog, Church Secretary, 28 Years

Prentiss Baptist Church adopted a resolution on November 4 in tribute to the memory of Mrs. Fern Hartzog, who died on September 26, 1971.

Mrs. Hartzog for 28 years was church secretary at Prentiss Baptist Church.

During those 28 years she also served as Training Union director for a portion of the time and was teacher of the Ladies' Sunday School Class at the time of her death.

The resolution stated, "Her example of Christian love, faith, work, and faithfulness was a constant inspiration to all with whom she came in contact."

"We offer our profound gratefulness to our gracious God for permitting her to serve with us for those years, and we pledge ourselves to remember her love for our church and her Lord and to let her example be a constant inspiration to us."

Supervisors Veto New Liquor Store Near Church

(From the Sea Coast Echo November 4, 1971)

Strong objections backed by signed petitions from a Baptist church group killed an attempt by county supervisor J. C. Mauffray to open a package liquor store in the Kiln community.

Mauffray had requested rezoning, from residential to commercial, of a piece of property in Kiln in order to open and operate a liquor store. The board of supervisors held a public hearing to consider the rezoning request.

Rev. Everett Reconnu, pastor of the Shifalo Memorial Baptist Church, and spokesman for the group, appeared before the board to present two petitions of objection, signed by members of the community. The group's objections were based on the proximity of the proposed liquor store to the church. According to Reconnu, members of the community signing the petitions felt the liquor store was not only adverse to the principles of the Baptist church, but would be detrimental to the youth of the church.

One of the petitions, containing 39 names, was a church petition and the other was signed by 189 members of the county, all of whom had property or businesses in Kiln.

The board voted to accept the petitions.

Forest Choir To Sing On TV

The Church Choir (adults) from Forest Church, Forest, is preparing to present three special presentations during December.

On December 1, the choir will present a missions cantata, "So Send I You" by John W. Peterson, in their church in connection with the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer.

The choir will also video-tape a 30-minute Christmas color special in the studios of WTOK in Meridian. The special Christmas selection on this program will include a variety of sacred Christmas numbers from the "Vivaldi's Gloria" to the popular Christmas spiritual, "Go Tell It On The Mountain." It is not known at this time the exact date that this will be shown, possible on Christmas Day. A program of Christmas music will be presented on December 19 in the sanctuary of the church.

Dan Brantley is the president of this choir and James B. McElroy is the director.

Rawls Springs Gives Autograph Party For Rev. Stanley File

William Carey College alumnus, Rev. Stanley A. File, was honored recently by Rawls Springs Church, Hattiesburg at an autograph party on the occasion of the publication of his new book, *His Family: His Church*.

According to Pastor Bill Mitchell of Rawls Springs Church, File was on hand to greet guests and to autograph copies of his book which was recently released by Vantage Press, Inc. of New York.

Forced by illness to retire for a time from the active ministry in 1964, Mr. File used his leisure to write. "Like John, who would never have written the book of Revelation had not God banished him to the Isle of Patmos, I would never have gotten down to the task of writing 'His Family: His Church' had not the Lord in His infinite grace forced me from the pulpit into my own private Patmos," he commented.

At the present status of the family, the school and the church in America, File sees the three as the basis of Christian life, and urges a return to sound principle and a re-discovery of Scriptural meditation.

A native of Biloxi and former resident of Jackson, File received his bachelor degree from William Carey College. He attended New Orleans Seminary and entered the ministry in Bay St. Louis in 1951.

He has served as pastor in churches in Gulfport, Yazoo City, and Pearl River County. During the 1960's he served in pioneer mission work in Washington state and in Alaska. His daughter, Paula, was sent back as a student to William Carey College while the family lived in Alaska. At present Rev. and Mrs. File are making their home in Poplarville.

Dr. Washburn At McComb

Dr. A. V. Washburn, pictured, will be speaker for an Adult Banquet at First Church, McComb, on December 2. The seven Adult Sunday School Departments and the Woman's Missionary Union of First, McComb, are sharing in the banquet, using the theme, "Go Ye and Teach." Mrs. Ward Stokes is WMU director; Jewel Conerly is Sunday School director; and Dr. John Lee Taylor is pastor.



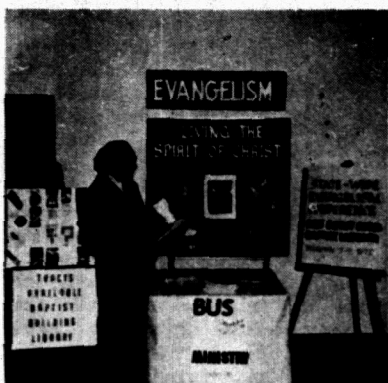
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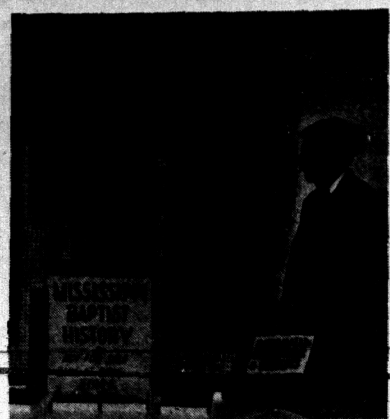
At the Stewardship exhibit, Miss Betty Lewis, center, and Mrs. Vance Dyess, right, serve coffee. Rev. Leon Emery, left, Cooperative Missions Department, stops by for a chat.



The Baptist Record exhibit.



Dr. Paul Wilson of Verona looks at the Evangelism exhibit.



Rev. Roy Raddin of Greenville, first vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, examines the Historical Commission exhibit.



At the Baptist Book Store exhibit, Charles Clark, book store manager, left, and Rev. Eugene L. Roberts, superintendent of missions, Lincoln County, look at records by Jamall Badry.



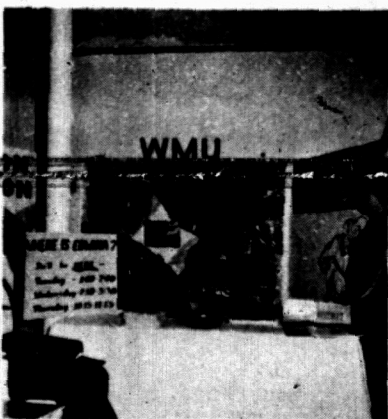
Rev. Malcolm Massey of Brookhaven and Dr. W. R. Woodson, right, of Columbus look at the Mississippi College exhibit.



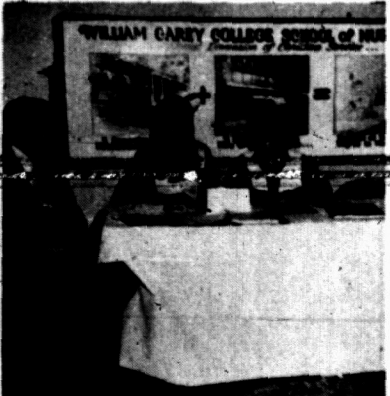
Rev. Ervin Brown of Hernando, DeSoto County missionary, looks at the Department of Work with National Baptists' exhibit.



The Guytons at the Blue Mountain College exhibit.



Mrs. Walter Lee Brent of Gallman examines the WMU exhibit.



William Carey College exhibit; Rev. John H. Thomas, with Becky Walters and Polly Johnson.

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